

ED'S FOOD MARKET, INC. D/B/A MENNO FOOD MARKET

Menno, SD – 9006 Energy Efficiency Grant

Outline Of Need: The community of Menno, population 729, was losing their only local grocery store. The citizens banded together to create Ed's Food Market, Inc. Money was invested by citizens to purchase the grocery store from the ailing owner. There were many items needing repair, but primarily, the coolers, freezers and lights were old and inefficient.

How Rural Development Helped: We worked with the store's manager and a grant writer representing the Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project (SEFP) to develop a 9006 grant application to replace the existing coolers, freezers, and lighting. We were successful in securing a 9006 grant for \$23,559 and the Menno State Bank provided the remaining 75% of the project's funds.

The Results: This project will allow the grocery store to realize approximately 42.9% savings in kilowatts used each year. The audit also estimates \$11,790 in costs savings with a payback of 7.9 years. The community is thrilled to be able to save their grocery store.



Pictured above – front row left to right: holding the check is Amber Taylor, Manager of Menno Food Center and Sherrie Lewis, Area Specialist USDA-Rural Development Yankton; and back row left to right: Nancy Larsen, SE Enterprise Facilitation Project (SEFP); Philip Svartoiien, SEFP Board Member; Luverne Langerock, Turner Co. Commissioner and SEFP Director; David J. Bender, Board President of Ed's Food Market, Inc; and Trace Davids, Area Director USDA-RD Sioux Falls.